

California OES Weather Threat Briefing

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- **Day 1 Primary Hazards:** Critical fire weather conditions through Sunday afternoon for the northern Sierra foothills from 1000-3000 feet

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Key Points

11/18/18 - 11/24/18

Sunday

- Widespread poor air quality due to smoke
- Critical fire weather conditions for the northern Sierra foothills from 1000-3000 feet through mid afternoon. Areas of northeast to east winds up to 15 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Local gusts up to 40 mph over ridges and through favorably oriented canyons, especially the Feather River drainage including the Camp Fire. Winds will gradually decrease by the afternoon.
- Offshore wind gusts up to 25 mph may cause elevated fire weather concerns late Sunday night over portions of southern CA
- Dry conditions continue statewide

Monday

- Offshore wind gusts up to 25 mph may cause elevated fire weather concerns into Monday morning over portions of southern CA
- Widespread poor air quality due to smoke
- Dry conditions continue statewide

Tuesday

- Widespread poor air quality due to smoke
- Dry conditions continue statewide



Key Points

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Wednesday-Saturday

- Periods of rain and mountain snow mainly across central and northern CA. Southern CA may see localized heavy precipitation but confidence is lower there.
- Snow levels will be around 5500-6500 feet across central and northern CA and 6000-7000 feet across southern CA
- Some rain may be heavy at times and may cause debris flow concerns over recent burn scars. Exact amounts and specific locations for the heaviest rain uncertain at this time.



California Weather Impacts

11/18/18 - 11/24/18

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds							
Snow				Sierra	Sierra	Sierra	Sierra
Coastal Flooding							
River Flooding							
Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)							
Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)	N Sierra Foothills	S CA					
Heat Risk							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow				CA	CA	CA	CA
Extreme Cold							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



Moderate Impacts



Severe Impacts

6-10 Day Outlook

Temperatures

- Above normal temperatures are favored across central and northern CA with forecast confidence low. Southern CA has equal chance of above and below normal temperatures.

Precipitation

- Above normal precipitation is favored for all of CA with forecast confidence moderate to high

8-14 Day Outlook

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Precipitation

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